

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

GROWTH HUB PROGRAMME

2380 # DR. KALPANA SAINI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the key objectives and expected outcomes of the Growth Hub Programme for city-regions across the country;
- (b) the status of the pilot phase projects launched in Mumbai, Surat and Visakhapatnam;
- (c) the cities selected under the Growth Hub Programme; and
- (d) the details of the amount to be spent by Government under the Growth Hub Programme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (d) NITI Aayog, in 2023, conceived of the Growth Hubs initiative to undertake the development of cities as engines of growth. The approach was to identify city regions going beyond urban boundaries and develop an economic plan based on three key components (i) Economic and Investment plan; (ii) Quality of Life; and (iii) Inclusivity and Sustainability plan. To develop the process template four pilot sites were selected, viz. Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Varanasi, Surat and Vishakhapatnam which were positioned as the centres of the economic region. In each Economic Region, specific economic plans have been developed on the basis of a 5-stage process, viz. (i) As-is-diagnostic, (ii) SWOT, Endowments & Capability analysis, (iii) Economic Visioning, (iv) Selection of key economic growth drivers and (v) Implementation Framework. The project report presents specific interventions by way of key projects and policy prescriptions. The Economic plans for Mumbai and Surat were launched in September 2024, while the plan for Visakhapatnam is being finalised. The Government of India has not made any specific allocation for the pilot phase of the Growth Hub Programme.
